

STATE CONVENTION
TO RESUME TODAYAnnouncement of Committees Most
Important Part on Program.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 23.—The Missouri constitutional convention opens the second week of its existence here tomorrow afternoon when members assemble following adjournment last Friday after Cassius M. Shartel of Neosho was elected permanent president of the body.

First on the program for consideration probably will be the election of a sergeant at arms, the only remaining elective officer of the constitutional convention not yet chosen.

The most important business of the day, however, will be the announcement of the committees named by President Shartel and Vice President Myers D. Campbell of Kirksville, who have been in Jefferson City since the adjournment of the convention last Friday.

There are now nineteen committees provided for in the report of the committee on permanent organization, order of business and rules, temporarily adopted by the convention. On those nineteen committees there will be 204 members and it is expected that each of the eighty-three members of the constitutional convention will serve on three different committees.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Bryan Higgs wife and son Darrel visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sparlin Henson.

Rev. Ollie Ennis filled his regular appointment at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night and Sunday. There was no church Sunday night on account of the funeral of B. S. Strubling.

Miss Jewell Higgs was the Sunday guest of Miss Neva Strother.

The eighth grade pupils of Pleasant Valley went to Cassville Saturday to receive their diplomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira McCracken and children of Monett spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Jim McCracken and attended church at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night.

Miss Neva Higgs spent Saturday night with Miss Zelma Strubler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Higgs were shopping in Monett Saturday.

Miss Lela Combs visited Sunday with Miss Ruth Gravitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Howerton visited awhile Sunday evening with Jim McCracken and family.

Several from here attended church at New Hope Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Higgs spent Monday with Emmett Goostree and family.

TOM TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter and children visited at the home of Eugene Carpenter Tuesday.

Most everybody around here is picking strawberries and we think all the pickers will make money if the growers can only get a good price.

Vaner Thomas has been very sick. Rev. Eugene Carpenter will preach at Lone Hill school house the first Sunday in June. Everybody invited to come.

Miss Ida Carpenter visited Miss Ethel Ball Sunday afternoon.

Ira Ellis visited Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis Sunday night.

SHOP TALK

From Davis-Chapell Hdw. Store.

Slow, it seems, but surely, farmers throughout the country are coming to realize that their hardware and implement dealer is their all year round ally. Perhaps no business nor profession gives a greater year round service to the patrons than the local hardware merchant. It's worthy of your thought and loyalty.

If your head is bald on the inside we know of no helpful tonic.

Preserve and beautify your new roof with a coat of our shingle stain. It will put a finished look to your house and it will protect the roof too.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown, of Seligman, were customers of our store one day this week.

Dr. Roberson, of McDowell, was another customer.

The world owes every man a living but unfortunately the world hasn't put up any security.

Our paint sales are not all confined to Monett. Almost daily we are getting orders for paint materials going to an outlying territory.

Merchants are consulting favorably upon the effects of our Retail Credit Association. Most people realize the value of having a credit and are striving to get right. It's up to any individual to make and protect his own credit.

We are selling a lot of Goodyear tires these days—folks are getting ready for the season's driving and they realize the importance of having good tires, cords and fabrics.

STRAWBERRY SHIPMENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 23.

The strawberries brought from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per crate in Tuesday's shipments. Warfields are being shipped but are bringing a lower price than the Aromas. Today the demand is strong and the berries have gone up 25 cents a crate on both freight and express shipments.

The Missouri Fruit Exchange shipped cars as follows: Wheaton, 5; Butterfield, 4; Cassville, 3; Purdy, 2; Exeter, 1; from the Monett office. From other offices they shipped from Anderson, 24; Neosho, 9 and Sarcosie 6.

The Ozark Fruit Growers' shipments Tuesday were as follows: Peirce City, 6; Aurora, 1; Bentonville, 1; Decatur, 4; Avoca, 1; Southwest City, 2; Joplin, 2; Republic, 1; Garfield, 1; Marionville, 3; Green Forest, 1; Monett, 2; Verona, 1; Hiwassee, 1; Gentry, 3; McElhaney, 1; Seneca, 2; Goodman, 3; Racine, 1; Granby, 1 and Wheaton, 1.

POWDER RIVER

Auspices American Legion
AT RIALTO, MONDAY MAY 29th

Mrs. A. L. Long, of Purdy, who has been visiting the families of H. J. Blakeslee and D. C. Blakeslee, returned home Tuesday morning.

OZARK ASSOCIATION, 43 CARS;
FRUIT EXCHANGE, 25

On Monday the Ozark Fruit Growers Association of this district shipped 43 carloads of strawberries and the Missouri Fruit Exchange at this place shipped 25 cars from their district. The price remains at \$2.75 per crate.

The Ozark Association shipped as follows: Avoca, 4; Peirce City, 1; Seneca, 5; Decatur, 6; Westville, 1; Hiwassee, 1; Southwest City, 1; Garfield, 2; Monett, 5; Webb City, 1; Gentry, 4; Siloam Springs, 1; Verona, 1; Logan, 1; Republic, 1; Marionville, 1; Gravette, 1; Granby, 1; Wheaton, 1; Goodman, 3; McElhaney, 1; Aurora, 1; Tipton Ford, 1; and Berryville, 1. The Missouri Fruit Exchange shipped from this district Monday, cars as follows: Purdy, 5; Butterfield, 5; Cassville, 5; Wheaton, 7; Exeter, 2 and Seligman, 1.

OFFICERS ARE SEARCHING
IN DALLAS COUNTY

Springfield, May 24.—While search for the bandits who on Monday, May 15, staged a daylight holdup on Booneville avenue and escaped with \$20,500 on its way to the Citizens bank, has been discontinued around Eldon, Miller county, where three of them were seen last, Sheriff Tom Gower of Buffalo, Dallas county is leading a posse south of Buffalo in pursuit of three men who were sighted yesterday and who are believed in Dallas county to be the three who were near Eldon.

Yesterday afternoon the pursuit was along the pipe line which extends through Dallas county and with the terminals in Oklahoma and St. Louis. The men now being pursued made use Saturday night of an abandoned hut between Buffalo and Long Lane. Several persons claimed to have talked with the men before the posse was organized by Sheriff Gower.

It was said at police headquarters that Mrs. Ted Hollywood, thought to be the wife of one of the bandits and who was arrested at Linn Creek the latter part of last week for investigation, may be released soon from the city jail. No charge has been filed against her. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mart Langfitt of near Linn Creek. The Langfitts are in the county jail here charged with aiding some of the bandits to escape through the Linn Creek region.

Yesterday the Langfitts identified the car captured by the police north of Lebanon after the bandits took to the brush as the one used when they visited the Langfitt home the Saturday before the robbery.

Stewart, or Beattie, yesterday repeated his denial that he was one of the bandits. He said he could prove an alibi, but to do so would place some of his friends in an awkward position as he admitted he sold them bootleg whisky.

The preliminary hearing for Clyde Higgs, also held in the county jail on suspicion of being one of the bandits will be held probably until after the recovery of Detective Ben Lamb, who said Higgs was the man who shot him.

GREENHILL

Rev. Ira Marbut filled his regular appointment at Macedonia Sunday. Almost every one from this neighborhood attended the children's day exercises at Bethel Sunday, and report an excellent time.

Nearly everybody around here is picking strawberries, the yield is reported large.

Ben F. Henderson has purchased a new riding cultivator.

Ben Clyde Davis and children visited Mrs. Asberry Davis Wednesday afternoon.

Asberry Davis is on the sick list.

Joe Samples and family from Oklahoma are visiting with relatives in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier have come from their home near Exeter to care for their strawberries. They are staying with their father Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Davis.

Miss Nola Myers who stays at the home of Uncle Tom Davis went to Arkansas for a few days visit with her grandmother.

Mrs. Barnes who has been in Verona for some time has returned home.

Mrs. S. A. Davis and daughter Mrs. Marvin Frazier were shopping in Purdy Thursday afternoon.

Miss Carlisle assisted Mrs. Asberry Davis in house cleaning last week.

Rev. Ira Marbut visited at the Ike Iumon home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewin Davis and daughter Naomi, Bernice and Kenneth Medlin visited at the S. A. Davis home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen have moved into their new dwelling on Ben Hendersons place.

Miss Erle Fly has returned from an extended visit in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Davis are the parents of a nine pound boy, whom they have christened William Carl.

Miss Willa Hayward has gone to Kansas.

Mrs. Marvin Frazier was the guest of Mrs. Irl Cox while Friday afternoon.

Success to the Times.

HIGHWAY BOOSTERS
FAIL IN MISSION

Springfield Chamber of Commerce Turns Delegation Down Flat on the Capital Highway Proposition.

More than four hundred boosters from the towns along the Frisco railroad from Republic to Seligman and Seneca inclusive through Monett, went to Springfield Tuesday to appear before the Chamber of Commerce of that town to ask their assistance in routing the primary road in Southwest Missouri through these towns. Their mission was unsuccessful, the officials of the Chamber of Commerce turning them down flat.

The Chamber of Commerce had repeatedly told the people of this section through their newspapers and through the salesmen from the different wholesale companies who visit these towns, that the town was "neutral" and that Springfield would take no part in determining the route of the primary road in this section of the state. Various things had come up causing the Frisco towns to doubt that Springfield was as "neutral" as she would have us believe and the trip there Tuesday showed that their fears were justified and that Springfield was pledged to the "air line" route from Springfield to Joplin through a sparsely settled part of the country, and from Springfield to Taneycomo, where the highway would end, having no connection with any other interstate road.

Heated discussion marked the gathering and the towns along the proposed Capital Highway know just what to expect from the "Gem of the Ozarks." The Monett boosters came home in fighting humor and will fight the proposition to a finish before the state highway commission, for they are firm in their stand that the Capital Highway will serve more people and be of more benefit to the state than the other roads fostered by Joplin and Springfield.

Monett had the largest delegation at the meeting and on arriving at Springfield they paraded the streets, headed by the Monett and Cassville bands. They were a little late for the meeting which was called for 1 o'clock but made up for lost time after they got there.

W. P. Sullivan, of Billings, was chosen chairman by acclamation. After Sol R. Wolf, president of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the road boosters, Judge John S. Farrington a member of the Chamber good roads committee and John T. Woodruff, chairman of the committee, spoke in an attempt to outline Springfield's attitude on the primary road situation.

Speakers in behalf of the Capital Highway route were Dr. E. L. Beal, of Republic; Larry Brunk, former mayor of Aurora; F. P. Sizer, Monett; C. D. Manley, Cassville; W. F. D. Batjer, of Rogers, Ark.; Claud Fuller, Eureka Springs, Ark.; J. E. Mitchell, of Neosho and A. C. McKibben, of Jefferson City. Mr. McKibben's speech was vigorous and to the point and he scored Springfield's attempt to mislead the people of this section as to their attitude toward the Capital Highway route.

The following resolutions prepared by the Capital Highway Boosters, were adopted:

Whereas, The legislature of Missouri at its 1921 session, enacted a road law, which, among other things established certain highways throughout the state, giving their direction from town to town, and to the borders of the state, connecting with highways in adjacent states, and providing that the state highway commission shall select and designate highways to be known as primary or high-type roads, designed to serve all parts of the state; and

Whereas, There is a certain section of southwest Missouri which is thickly settled, and includes the towns of Republic, Billings, Marionville, Aurora, Verona, Monett, Peirce City, Granby, Neosho and Seneca; and

Whereas, An association, termed the Capital Highway association, after careful and expert investigation, has recommended a primary road from the Iowa line through Jefferson City, Springfield and southwest through the towns and cities aforesaid to the Oklahoma state line, connecting with the designated Oklahoma state highway, and by which it is economical and easy to connect with a road leading through Purdy, Butterfield, Cassville and Seligman, and thereby to the state line of Arkansas, connecting with a designated Arkansas state highway; and

Whereas, The Chamber of Commerce of the city of Springfield has endorsed a so-called "air line" road direct from Springfield to Joplin in preference to the road proposed by the Capital Highway association, despite the fact that the said "air line" would pass through a sparsely settled section of the state, serving a minimum of people and impossible of defense by any consideration of public service, and further endorsing a proposed road south towards Arkansas, but stopping at Lake Taneycomo, and thereby making Springfield

both the point of ingress and egress, and not furnishing any connection with or outlet into Arkansas; and Whereas, the said Chamber of Commerce, in endorsing the so-called "Air Line," does so under the declaration of absolute "neutrality" and paradoxically declares its antagonism towards the best interests of the vast trade territory southwest of Springfield, while, at the same time, it plainly endorses a road far to the north of and not serving the said territory.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this meeting hereby unhesitatingly condemns this style of "neutrality" and confesses its inability to comprehend the sincerity of such a brand of "neutrality", and we call upon the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Springfield to explain how it can remain neutral and at the same time endorse a road which will not and cannot serve or benefit us; and be it further

Resolved, That, realizing such action of the Chamber of Commerce to be against the interests of the city of Springfield, as well and just as truly as it is against the interests of the majority of the towns and residents of southwest Missouri, and that the action of said chamber in endorsing the so-called "Air Line" does not meet with the approval of the civic and business interests of Springfield.

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, That this convention, representing the best horticultural section of the state and the best agricultural section, as well as a majority of the towns of southwest Missouri, does hereby unqualifiedly condemn the action of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Springfield in endorsing the roads they have endorsed, and call upon them to retract said endorsement; and, in case such retraction is refused, we do hereby, with confidence, ask the business houses and citizens of Springfield to repudiate said endorsement, and to demand of the said Chamber of Commerce to demonstrate its neutrality, if it really is neutral, for the mutual benefit of all concerned and in the interests of a preservation of the cordial spirit which has always heretofore existed between the people of Springfield and the people along the very feasible route designated by the Capital Highways association.

LEE

Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Davis and family visited W. W. Davis and family Saturday night.

Miss Willa Hayward visited Miss Alta Davis Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Davis are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Emil Avondet visited with Lundy Davis Sunday evening.

Mrs. Dolph Drake and son Warren visited Mrs. Lundy Davis Wednesday.

The Ladies aid met with Mrs. Emma Ennis Thursday afternoon and

There will be Memorial services at Mt. Pisgah May 28th. Everybody welcome. Come and bring well filled baskets.

PIONEER

Quite a crowd from Monett was picnicking in Pioneer Saturday. Pioneer people always welcome Monett picnickers. Come again.

John McTeer and family from Purdy visited their daughter Mrs. Harry Hutchins Sunday.

Misses Lovena Bradley and Esther Hutchins, Messrs. Joe Smith and Finis Daniels attended the show at Wheaton Saturday.

Harry Courdin and wife visited at the home of George Berziel Sunday.

Miss Lovena Bradley accompanied them home with their berries.

Miss Margery Worman and Elmo Blodgett were sight seers in Sarcosie Sunday.

Ralph Jones and family from Morris, Oklahoma, were visiting relatives and friends in Pioneer the past week.

The many friends of Ralph Coatney and glad to know that he is recovering from a severe case of blood poisoning in his hand.

Mrs. Robert Daugherty called on Mrs. Geo. Berziel Saturday night.

SOUTH JENKINS

Mann Boucher and his daughter, Hazel, of Bristo, Okla., are visiting his mother, Mrs. Wren Boucher and Grandma Snider, and other relatives and friends. They came last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson are the proud parents of a new baby girl born May 20.

Clyde Daugherty, Mann Boucher and Miss Hazel Boucher visited in Purdy Monday night and Tuesday of this week.

The strawberries are good in this part of the country.

Elmer Bolin and wife visited Jas. Eden and wife Sunday.

There will be preaching at Cato Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night and a basket dinner Sunday.

Everybody come.

Rev. Sam Allen is not getting along as well as his friends would like to see him.

A Times Want Ad Brings Results.

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE TRIP
TO SPRINGFIELD

By John P. Davis.

Barry county was represented by two bands—Lee's Concert Band and the Cassville Band.

Monett had the largest delegation of any of the towns represented and attracted attention by her banners placed on every car.

Monett Commercial Club also furnished badges to all delegates.

Eureka Springs, Ark., sent three delegates and Mr. Claud Fuller advised that Arkansas was organizing and expected to appear before Missouri Highway Commission and ask that a promise made four years ago by the Missouri Commission to connect with the Arkansas road at Seligman be fulfilled; that Arkansas had built her road and Missouri had not yet connected up.

Rogers, Ark., was represented by Mr. Batjer, who presented the importance of a connection with the only highways in Northwest Arkansas at Seligman.

John T. Woodruff in his first speech dared us to do anything and before we finished he held up both hands and begged not to do it.

John T. Woodruff advised us that he and Judge Farrington were the Chamber of Commerce. About 6 p. m. we cleaned out the Chamber of Commerce. Judge Farrington didn't like the atmosphere and left earlier.

Mrs. Eunice Yates added to the enjoyment of the delegates and towns on to Springfield by singing a song of her own composition.

Springfield jobbers and manufacturers have been sending out their salesmen with the advice that said jobbers and manufacturers did not know what had been doing. They don't know yet. They were all invited to our meeting. You could count them on one hand and not one word did they say in our behalf.

John T. Woodruff first advised us they were neutral, then admitted they were not. Made a statement, denied the statement, repudiated the denial and, if the meeting had lasted a few minutes longer, was getting in position to deny the repudiation. A cork screw is a smooth instrument compared to his gyrations.

John T. Woodruff (one half of the Chamber of Commerce) advised this section to sit still and supinely await the outcome and if he and Joplin could succeed in getting the Peacock Lane to Joplin we could build a road to it and Springfield would donate to our road.

Charity? How do you Southwest Missourians feel about John's charity.

Upon what meat hath Carson fed that he become so great? What section of the country has furnished a large supply of the meat? We asked the Springfield Chamber of Commerce for bread and they gave us a stone. Dives (a certain rich man) gave Lazarus (a beggar) the crumbs that fell from his table and when Dives woke up he lifted his eyes and lo and behold he was in torment, and that's where John T. Woodruff was located yesterday afternoon. Sooner or later, like Dives, he will call to Lazarus to bring him a sup of water, but Lazarus will be too busy to go to Torment (Springfield.)

LONG BRIEFS

Rev. Ennis filled his regular appointment at New Church Saturday night and Sunday.

Nora Haynes who is staying in Monett visited from Saturday until Monday with home folks.

Maurice England was a pleasant caller at the Will Higgs home Sunday.

Those who visited at the Riley Thomas home Sunday were Misses Sylvia Thomas, Nora and Mattie Haynes, Gladys Thomas and Messrs. Tilman Sooter, Otis Eden, Arthur Tucker, Clark Haynes, Elvin and Benton Fly, and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Jeffries and little grandson Webb.

Mrs. Lilly England visited her daughter Mrs. Sherman Ellis in Monett Friday.

Fern Alexander and Ada Roller were shopping in Purdy Saturday evening.

Ama Balmas and Willa Hayward were in Purdy Saturday.

AT RIALTO, MONDAY MAY 29th

MONETT WINS FROM BUTTERFIELD

The K. of C. ball team defeated the Butterfield team at Monett Sunday afternoon by a score of 20 to 15.

Earl Callaway left Sunday for a business trip to St. Louis.

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A diamond ring will be given away during week.